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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF PC VOLUNTEER

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MORALES (FOREIGN MINISTRY LIAISON OFFICER IN STARR CASE) THIS AFTERNOON, CONVEYING OPERATIVE PORTIONS PARAS 3 AND 4 OF REFTEL AS INSTRUCTED. MORALES SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING ON THIS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO MORNING MARCH 1ST AND WOULD REPORT BACK TO US. MORALES EXPRESSED PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH POSITION THAT GOC RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY OF US CITIZENS HERE BUT HE MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT. POL COUNSELOR LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE COVERING HIS DEMARCHE.

2. REGARDING QUERIES RAISED IN PARA FIVE REFTEL, THERE ARE NO LEGISLATIVE RESTRAINTS ON GOC FREEDOM OF ACTION BUT IT IS GOC POLICY NOT TO PAY RANSOM OR MAKE CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS AND KIDNAPPERS. DEPT MAY RECALL THAT GOC REFUSED TO MEET POLITICAL DEMANDS OF M-19 TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HOLDING PROMINENT LABOR LEADER MERCADO, WHO WAS THEN MURDERED BY M-19. GOC HAS IN SOME CASES TACITLY ACQUIESCED IN THE PAYMENT OF RANSOM BY PRIVATE PARTIES AND COMPANIES BUT IN OTHER CASES GOC AUTHORITIES HAVE INTERCEPTED RANSOM PAYMENTS. EMBASSY CANNOT NOW ASSESS WITH ANY CONFIDENCE HOW GOC MIGHT REACT TO RANSOM OR

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OTHER DEMANDS FROM FARC IN STARR CASE BUT WE HOPE THAT REPORT OF MEETING BETWEEN MORALES AND FOREIGN MINISTER ON MARCH 1 WILL SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS.
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